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SUBJECT: LESOTHO CONFIDENT OF ASSOCIATION WITH COPENHAGEN ACCORD BY JANUARY 31

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(SBU) On January 21, Ambassador Robert Nolan delivered reftel's points to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Deputy Principal Secretary T. P. Lekhela. (Note: All cabinet ministers are on a GOL retreat until Friday, January 22. End note.) The Ambassador noted that Lesotho had been very active on the issue already, as the current speaker for the LDC group. Lekhela stated that they were aware of the need for association with the Accord and noted that there had been quite a bit of activity around the issue, as the UN Secretary General had spoken with Lesotho's Permanent Representative to the UN, as well as the representatives of Nepal and Bangladesh, urging them to associate with the Accord and to encourage their "constituents" to do so, as well.

(Comment: Post interprets "constituents" to mean other LDCs. End comment.) Lekhela stated that he was confident that the GOL would complete the association before the end of the month.

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